



Participant Assumption of Risk and Release from Liability

Supervised Service Learning Activities

This Assumption of Risk and Release from Liability pertains to an opportunity to participate in one of the external service learning opportunities offered by the Trustees of Indiana University ("University") through its Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning ("CITL").

These service-learning experiences, in general, contemplate travel to the community site(s) both in and outside of Bloomington where participants provide requested volunteer assistance, focusing on projects including, but not limited to, mentoring youths and troubled minors, participating in animal therapy for children and adults with varied physical and mental disabilities and at-risk youths, learning about sustainable gardening, aiding community health organizations with their work, and working with animals to improve their general welfare ("Service Activity");

1. I understand that I am responsible for providing my own transportation to and from the Service Activity site(s) and that driving may be required as part of the Service Activity. I understand that certain risks are inherent in travel and I fully accept those risks. These risks may include, but are not limited to, such things as incidents related to transportation, driver error (including my own), adverse weather conditions, and other physical, mental, and emotional injury;
2. I understand that other certain risks are inherent in my participation in any Service Activity. These risks may include, but are not limited to, exposure to adverse weather conditions, injury associated with lifting or moving heavy objects, exposure to plants/animals and adverse reactions from such exposure, adverse reactions from spending extended periods of time outdoors being exposed to the sun, wind, or rain, exposure to theft and other criminal activity, other physical, mental and emotional injury, including other dangers and risks, whether known or unknown nor reasonably foreseeable, and physical injuries such as sprains, broken bones, cuts, bruises, allergic reactions, entrapment, temporary or permanent disability, and/or death.

I understand that my participation in the Service Activity is entirely voluntary and at my own risk.



Please carefully read the specific risks associated with the Service Activity in which you will be taking part and then initial:

_____ **Mentoring and conducting social activities with children**

This Service Activity will be conducted with an organization like, but not limited to schools, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, etc. The particular risks associated with this Service Activity include, but are not limited to, activity-based interaction with children and any injury that may result from such activities (e.g. a sprained ankle from playing basketball); exposure to infectious illnesses and the physical, mental or emotional injury, including death, that may result therefrom or from actually contracting such disease or illness; and other risks of harm that may be presented by the children served due to challenges posed by their ages, mental, emotional, or physical conditions, including the risk of serious injury, disability, or death.

_____ **Working with minors in juvenile court due to abuse and neglect, and at-risk youths**

This Service Activity will be conducted with an organization like, but not limited to, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). The particular risks associated with this Service Activity include, but are not limited to, activity-based interaction with children and any injury that may result from such activities; exposure to infectious illnesses and the physical, mental or emotional injury, including death, that may result therefrom or from actually contracting such disease or illness; and interaction with troubled children and other risks of physical harm, including serious injury, disability, or death, that may be presented by the children served due to challenges posed by their history of criminal conduct, history of abuse or neglect, or their ages, mental, emotional, or physical conditions.

_____ **Working with therapy animals and individuals with disabilities**

This Service Activity will be conducted with an organization like, but not limited to, People and Animal Learning Services (PALS). The particular risks associated with this Service Activity include, but are not limited to, those inherent in working with animals that may be carrying infectious diseases, and the physical, mental or emotional injury, including death, that may result therefrom or from actually contracting such disease or illness; injury, including sprains, broken bones, cuts, bruises, or scratches, related to animals that kick, bite, rear, bolt, fall down, and react to sudden movements, noise, light, falling objects, vehicles, or other animals or objects. At times equipment used in connection with the animals may break or otherwise fail, which may result in my injury, disability, or death. At times, other riders or animal handlers who may not be in control of their animals may cause a collision or other unpredictable consequences, which may result in my injury, disability, or death.



Other risks of harm, including physical injury, may be presented by the clientele served due to their ages, physical disabilities, and mental disabilities.

Working in a natural environment to improve sustainable gardening skills

This Service Activity will be conducted with an organization like, but not limited to, Hilltop Gardens. The particular risks associated with this Service Activity include, but are not limited to, such things as exposure to adverse weather conditions; physical injury, including sprains, broken bones, cuts, bruises; allergic reactions; injuries related to working with tools, including loss of extremities; incidental contact with insects/wildlife and adverse reactions to such contact; and associated infectious diseases and the physical, mental or emotional injury, including death, that may result therefrom or from actually contracting such disease or illness.

Working with incarcerated populations

This Service Activity will be conducted with a county jail or federal prison facility or a program like, but not limited to Midwest Pages to Prisoners, Inside-Out, etc. The particular risks associated with this Service Activity include, but are not limited to, criminal activity, including theft; physical injuries caused by the incarcerated individual or otherwise, including serious injury, disability or death; exposure to infectious illnesses and the physical, mental or emotional injury, including death, that may result therefrom or from actually contracting such disease or illness; and other risks of physical harm that may be presented by the individuals served due to challenges posed by their history of criminal conduct, or their ages, mental, emotional, or physical conditions.

Aiding local animal welfare organizations with their work

The particular risks associated with this Service Activity include, but are not limited to, such things as exposure to adverse weather conditions; physical injury, including sprains, broken bones, cuts, bruises, scratches; exposure to infectious diseases and the physical, mental or emotional injury, including death, that may result therefrom or from actually contracting such disease or illness; and allergic reactions. Other risks presented are those inherent in working with animals, which sometimes scratch, bite, bolt, fall down, and react to sudden movements, noise, light, falling objects, vehicles, or other animals or objects. At times equipment used in connection with animals may break or otherwise fail, which may result in my injury, disability, or death. At times, other individuals who may not be in control of their animals may cause a dangerous interaction or other unpredictable consequences, which may result in my injury, disability, or death



_____ Aiding community health organizations with their work

The particular risks associated with this Service Activity include, but are not limited to, such things as physical injury, including sprains, broken bones, cuts, bruises; exposure to infectious diseases and the physical, mental or emotional injury, including death, that may result therefrom or from actually contracting such disease or illness; and allergic reactions. Other risks of harm may be presented by the clientele served due to their ages, physical disabilities, and mental disabilities.

_____ Aiding community assisted living and retirement facilities with their work

The particular risks associated with this Service Activity include, but are not limited to, activity-based interaction with elderly community members and any injury that may result from such activities; exposure to infectious illnesses and the physical, mental or emotional injury, including death, that may result therefrom or from actually contracting such disease or illness; physical injury, including sprains, broken bones, cuts, bruises; and allergic reactions. Other risks of harm may be presented by the clientele served due to their ages, physical disabilities, and mental disabilities.

_____ Aiding community organizations that fight hunger

This service activity will be conducted with an organization like, but not limited to, Hoosier Hills Food Bank. The particular risks associated with this Service Activity include, but are not limited to, such things as physical injury, including sprains, broken bones, cuts, bruises, burns; allergic reactions; and exposure to infectious diseases and the physical, mental or emotional injury, including death, that may result therefrom or from actually contracting such disease or illness.

_____ Working with people experiencing poverty

This service activity will be conducted with an organization like, but not limited to, the Shalom Community Center. The particular risks associated with this Service Activity include, but are not limited to, activity-based interaction with members of the community experiencing poverty and any injury that may result from such activities; exposure to infectious illnesses and the physical, mental or emotional injury, including death, that may result therefrom or from actually contracting such disease or illness; criminal activity, including theft; physical injury, including sprains, broken bones, cuts, bruises, serious physical injury, disability, or death; and allergic reactions. Other risks of harm may be presented by the individuals served.

_____ Aiding a community organization that enables recycling

This service activity will be conducted with an organization like, but not limited to, the Bloomington Recycling Center. The particular risks associated with this Service Activity include, but are not limited to, exposure to adverse weather conditions; exposure to infectious



illnesses and the physical, mental or emotional injury, including death, that may result therefrom or from actually contracting such disease or illness; injuries related to working with tools, including loss of limb/extremity, disability, death, sprains, broken bones, cuts, bruises; and allergic reactions.

- 3. I fully understand the scope of the activities and risks associated with my participation in any Service Activity and specifically the Service Activity in which I will be participating as designated by my initials above. I agree to assume the risks of my participation in the Service Activity, including the risk of physical, mental, and emotional injury, catastrophic injury or death.
- 4. I hereby release and fully discharge The Trustees of Indiana University, including its officers, agents, and employees, from any and all claims or causes of action that may be brought by me or by any other person (including, but not limited to, my estate, family, successors, heirs, representatives, administrators, and/or assigns), including all liability for damage to personal property, personal injury or loss arising out of or related to my participation in the Service Activity, whether caused by IU’s negligence or otherwise, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I have read this entire Agreement, I fully understand it, and I agree to be bound by it. I represent and certify that my true age is at least 18 years old.

PARTICIPANT: _____

DATE: _____

signature

Contact Information

Participant Name:

Address:

E-mail:

Phone:

Emergency Contact

Name:

Relationship: _____

Phone: